2015 CSN Adjunct Impact Conference Breakout Sessions

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. - Early Morning Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Breakout 1 – Houston 1 Meeting Room
Introduction to Canvas
Presenter: Vartouhi Asherian, Senior Analyst, Office of eLearning
This session will help faculty create a new course or rebuild an existing course in Canvas. Participants are introduced to the basic navigational structure and content development tools in Canvas. This is an introductory-level session and will cover the nuts and bolts of Canvas including: navigation, course setup, assignment creation, and assessment as well as the use of Gradebook, syllabus, calendar, and announcements tools.

Breakout 2 – Houston 2 Meeting Room
Get Connected! OTS@CSN
Presenters: Karen Ahern, Senior Director, Technology Services
Brian Bourgon, Director, Enterprise Applications
Want to learn how to stay ahead of the technology curve? Want to make an impact on your students both in the classroom and online? Come meet with the Office of Technology Services team to learn about the technology available to you now and what’s coming in the future. The session will cover online training and research sites, how you can get free and discounted software to use at home, and how to get support for the tools you need to pull students into your lectures and online classes like never before.

Breakout 3 – Houston 3 Meeting Room
Engaging Students to Increase Success
Presenters: Ed Batayeh, Director of Advising & Coaching Services
Stephanie Hill, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement Services
Participants in this session will learn about innovative programs, strategies, and services they can use to promote and support student success including a discussion of student referrals and ways to guide students to available resources designed to help them overcome academic deficiencies, allocate need-based accommodations, and successfully graduate from college.

Breakout 4 – Dallas C Meeting Room
Classroom Legal Issues: HELP! (Higher Ed Legal Pointers!)
Presenters: Richard Hinckley, General Counsel
Diane Welch, Assistant General Counsel
Attendees will receive an overview of current legal issues and new policies that may impact college faculty and staff in the upcoming academic year. Topics include new federal initiatives, new CSN/NSHE policies, student issues, and other current legal issues. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and discuss issues they have encountered.

Breakout 5 – Dallas H Meeting Room
Getting the Most Out of Centers for Academic Success (formerly Tutorial Services & Learning Centers)
Presenters: Shellie Keller, Director, Centers for Academic Success (CAS)
Robyn Rohde, Assistant Director, Centers for Academic Success
Kelle Snow, Tutor & Special Projects Assistant
Through new initiatives like Don’t Cancel that Class and supplemental instruction, Centers for Academic Success offers more than just traditional tutoring. During this session, attendees will learn about a variety of opportunities for students to more deeply engage with their course material and subject matter. This workshop will provide a brief overview of CAS and will cover new initiatives and innovative ways for students and faculty to effectively utilize learning and mentoring support.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Mid-Morning Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Breakout 1 – Houston 1 Meeting Room
Canvas Learning Management System: Intermediate Session
Presenter: Nancy Webb, Senior Analyst, Office of eLearning
This session is intended for intermediate-level Canvas users and will cover how rubrics can be used for assessment purposes, how to use some of the advanced features of Canvas Gradebook, and how faculty can set up and facilitate groups.

Breakout 2 – Houston 2 Meeting Room
Preparing & Delivering Impactful Presentations
Presenter: James McCoy, Associate Vice President, Academic Success
Developing and delivering impactful presentations can be a challenge. In many cases, developing the content for the presentation is easy—it is packaging the content and delivering it with finesse that becomes the challenging part. In this interactive workshop, you will learn how to prepare an amazing presentation by following a few easy guidelines. In addition, you will not only learn techniques for overcoming nervousness, you will learn the proper elements of presentation delivery to be able connect with ANY audience. The workshop will conclude with a discussion of the ‘do’s and don’ts’ of Microsoft PowerPoint presentation design.

Breakout 3 – Houston 3 Meeting Room
Dealing with Disruptive & Abusive Students
Presenters: Brad Gruner, Assistant Vice President for Student Services
N. Mark Rauls, Faculty Ombudsperson
Sometimes, student behavior in the classroom can become disruptive and/or abusive. This session will present relevant CSN policies and address your authority as an instructor as well as discuss ways to best address classroom disruptions, abusive behavior and emergency situations. A brief overview of the Ombudsperson’s Office and how Ombuds might help in dealing with student issues will also be included.

Breakout 4 – Dallas C Meeting Room
Social Media – A Powerful Tool that Supports Teaching and Learning
Presenters: Janet Latricia King, Senior Analyst, Office of eLearning
Maria Schellhase, Instructor, Business/Management
Social media offers a free, effective way to connect with students, share resources, customize learning, and support instructional objectives in online, hybrid, and face-to-face courses. In this session, you will learn how to use Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and other online social media sites to draw upon real-time information from industry leaders and incorporate this information into Canvas and the classroom. You will also learn how to engage students with up-to-date information and how to keep students from reiterating what others have already posted in online discussion forums. Incorporating social media into your courses is an easy way to increase student engagement and retention.

Breakout 5 – Dallas H Meeting Room
My Students Can’t Read or Write!: Integrating the CSN Reading and Writing Center Into Course Curriculum
Presenters: Colleen Gerardo – Reading Center Faculty Liaison
Joseph Hicks – Writing Center Specialist
Zend Lakdavala – Writing Center Specialist
Robyn Rohde – Writing Center Manager
Kristen Young – Writing Center Specialist
If you assign reading and writing within your courses and would like to know how the CSN Reading and Writing Centers can help, join us at this session. Learn how to most effectively integrate these valuable student services into your course curriculum. Designed for faculty who assign reading and writing in any discipline, this session will provide a brief overview of the Reading and Writing Center services and staff before moving into methods of utilizing the centers that garner the best results for student readers and writers.
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Late Morning Concurrent Breakout Sessions

**Breakout 1 – Houston 1 Meeting Room**
*Getting the Most Out of Canvas: Roll Call Attendance, Groups & Assignment Track Changes*
Presenter: Janet Latricia King, Senior Analyst, Office of eLearning
This advanced-level Canvas session will focus on the essentials of setting up Roll Call Attendance, groups, and assignments with Track Changes. Attendees that are familiar with Canvas and/or completed the introductory and intermediate sessions will benefit most from this session. Track Changes is a tool that may be used to expedite the grading of essays and papers offering more thorough feedback to students. Best practices will be discussed and attendees may use their hand held devices for this session.

**Breakout 2 – Houston 2 Meeting Room**
*MyCSN Survival Skills for the Adjunct Instructor*
Presenters: John Bearce, Director, Institutional Research
Laura Yavitz, Research Analyst, Institutional Research
Pat Zozaya, Registrar
This session will cover a variety of technology topics useful to the adjunct instructor. Learn all about the MyCSN student information system including basic navigation of the system and information about grading, rosters, and other faculty applications. There will also be a discussion of CSN’s online student success workshops from Student Lingo and how they can help your students succeed in your class.

**Breakout 3 – Houston 3 Meeting Room**
*Creating a Successful Classroom Environment: Developing Effective Skills and Habits*
Presenter: Michele Fogg, Instructor, Communication
Whether it’s your first time teaching or you need a few new ideas, this session will help you with some basics for creating an effective classroom environment. The session will offer a few helpful tools to help you be organized, prepared and confident so you can keep your students motivated and engaged.

**Breakout 4 – Dallas C Meeting Room**
*Apps In Higher Education*
Presenters: Stephanie Espinoza, Instructional Services Librarian
Caprice Roberson, Instructional Services Librarian
There are more and more apps available each day, many of which are perfect for use in education. Learn about some of these handy mobile and computer apps, all with the focus of helping streamline what you do. We will discuss and demonstrate apps on multiple platforms designed to help you teach, organize, research, and more.

**Breakout 5 – Dallas H Meeting Room**
*Your Ombuds Office: We’re Here for You!*
Presenters: N. Mark Rauls, Faculty Ombudsperson
Jennifer Basquiat, Faculty Ombudsperson
At times, adjunct faculty may feel ‘out of the loop’ or may even feel uneasy about asking questions through formal channels. The CSN Ombudsperson’s Office may be able help by providing information, addressing general concerns, and fostering greater communication in an informal, neutral, impartial and confidential environment.